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In re patent application of:

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Title: IN-SITU OR EX-SITU PROFILE MONITORING OF PHASE OPENINGS ON  
ALTERNATING PHASE SHIFTING MASKS BY SCATTEROMETRY

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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.